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Dear Sirs/Madams,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the settlement being proposed between some of the States and MicroSoft.

Microsoft has been convicted, and that conviction upheld on appeal, of violating several parts of the Sherman Anti-trust Act. The settlement in its current form does nothing to repair the damage that has already been done to the software industry. It also does nothing to prevent them from continuing to abuse their monopoly position. Furthermore it does nothing to place monetary damages on their past abuses, nor does it establish any framework to punish the abuses that they will most assuredly commit in the future. There is no reason that Microsoft should be allowed to keep all of their ill gotten gains or continue to abuse their monopoly with anti-competitive practices. Please consider some of the many suggestions already sent in by industry luminaries that would restore competition and innovation to the software industry. Thank you.

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